


**Title: Certifying eligibility for an extended dependent****Policy #37-1**

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<b>Associated RCW:</b>	41.05.080, 41.05.090, 41.05.095	<b>Supersedes:</b>	4-03: Certification and Re-Certification of Extended Dependent Children enrolled in PEBB Medical, Dental or Life Insurance Plan
<b>Associated WAC:</b>	182-12-128, 182-12-260, 182-12-262, 182-12-265, 182-12-270		
<b>Associated federal law/regulations:</b>		<b>Owner:</b>	Policy & Rules Manager, PEB Division
<b>Associated Procedures:</b>			
<b>Associated Forms &amp; Communication</b>	<i>Forms:</i> 50-500, 50-400, 52-030, 51-403F, 50-801	<b>Approved by:</b>	
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**Purpose:**

This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests to enroll an extended dependent child to his or her Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) subscriber account.

**Policy:**

1. The PEBB Program must certify the eligibility of an extended dependent child before allowing enrollment to PEBB coverage. The PEBB Program reviews the certification of an extended dependent annually.
2. Children are eligible for PEBB coverage as defined in WAC 182-12-260(3). The rule includes the criteria an extended dependent must satisfy.
3. The subscriber must provide appropriate forms within enrollment time limits.
4. The subscriber must demonstrate legal responsibility by providing a valid court order and the child's official residence must be with the custodian or guardian. If a valid court order does not stipulate a custody or guardianship end date, the order can be used annually when recertifying an extended dependent up to age 26.
5. PEBB Program certification of an extended dependent is valid for 12 months, except when:
  - a. The extended dependent is within 12 months of turning age 26; or
  - b. The end date of legal custody or guardianship is sooner than 12 months.

6. A PEBB supervisor must review and affirm denials of enrollment of an extended dependent before a denial letter is sent to the subscriber.